

## AL QAEDA IN IRAQ LAUNCHES INTERNET MEDIA CAMPAIGN



Arabic-language radical Islamic websites have launched a multimedia campaign to promote Abu Hamza al-Muhajir, also known as Abu Ayyub al-Masri, as the leader of al Qaeda in Iraq and the successor of the late Abu Musab al-Zarqawi. The campaign has taken many forms, including internet discussions, essays, sophisticated graphics, and poetry. The campaign is designed to promote the emergence of Muhajir as a leadership figure from the shadow that al-Zarqawi continues to cast months after his death. (Center for International Issues Research)

## TERRORISTS MURDER AFGHAN WOMEN'S RIGHTS ADVOCATE

Safia Ama Jan, one of Afghanistan's most prominent women's rights activists, was gunned down outside her home in Kandahar on September 25, 2006. A regional Taliban commander claimed responsibility for her murder. During Taliban rule, Ama Jan was known for her underground school for Afghan girls. In post-Taliban Afghanistan, she became a provincial director of the Ministry of Women's Affairs and ran vocational schools for women. One female member of the Afghan parliament said, *"The enemy of Afghanistan killed her, but they should know it will not derail women from the path we are on. We will continue on our way."*

**"Killing of infidels by any method including martyrdom operations has been sanctified by many scholars even if it meant killing innocent Muslims... The shedding of Muslim blood... is allowed."**

— Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, May 2005

## PORTRAIT OF AN EXTREMIST: AZZAM THE AMERICAN THE AMERICAN FACE OF AL QAEDA



### IN HIS OWN WORDS:

- ***"What took place on September 11 was but the opening salvo in the global war on America."*** (October 2004)
- ***"Allah willing, the streets of America will run red with blood, matching drop for drop the blood of America's victims."*** (October 2004)
- ***"Yesterday, London and Madrid. Tomorrow, Los Angeles and Melbourne, Allah willing. And this time, don't count on us demonstrating restraint or compassion."*** (September 2005)

Once known as Adam Pearlman and Adam Gadahn, al Qaeda extremist "Azzam the American" attended high school in Orange County, California. At age 17, Gadahn converted to Islam, and three years later, in 1998, Gadahn moved to Pakistan, where he is believed to have become associated with a senior al Qaeda leader now in U.S. custody, Abu Zubaydah. Gadahn trained in terrorist camps in Afghanistan, provided English translations for al Qaeda, and has appeared in four al-Qaeda videos.